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JUSTICE: JOHN KEENEY (SUBST)

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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: -NAR; CO

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE IN JOINT NARCOTIC  
CONTROL ACTIVITIES

1. DURING STATE/JUSTICE TEAM VISIT IN JULY TO CONSULT WITH COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL ON COOPERATION IN PROSECUTION OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC TRAFFICKER, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRENCY CONTROL (DR. HERNANDEZ) PROMISED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COLOMBIAN LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EVIDENCE OF CURRENCY VIOLATIONS. THIS INFORMATION IS VITAL IF A DRAFT AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF EVIDENCE IN THIS REGARD IS TO BE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO GOC. A SIMILAR PROMISE WAS MADE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL SERRANO-RUEDA WITH REGARD TO EVIDENCIARY REQUIREMENTS OF COLOMBIAN LAW FOR NARCOTIC VIOLATION PROSECUTIONS.

2. DEPT OF JUSTICE IS ANXIOUS TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION

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OF A DRAFT AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT IS HAMPERED FROM DOING SO WITHOUT PAPERS PROMISED BY GOC OFFICIALS DURING BILATERAL TALKS IN JULY. SEVERAL MAJOR U.S. PROSECUTIONS ARE IN PRE-TRIAL STAGE AND THERE ARE COLOMBIAN NATIONALS IN COLOMBIA NAMED IN INDICTMENTS IN THESE CASES;

THUS, IT IS HOPED AN EXPEDITIOUS AND SATISFACTORY ARRANGE-

MENT CAN BE FOUND TO PREVENT THESE INDIVIDUALS FROM  
EVADING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR PART IN THESE TRAFFICKING  
ACTIVITIES.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE INQUIRIES INTO STATUS  
OF PROMISED PAPERS AND TO URGE EXPEDITED PREPARATION IF  
THEY ARE NOT YET COMPLETED. JUSTICE DEPT ASKED THAT  
EMBASSY CONVEY ITS HIGH LEVEL INTEREST TO TH: GOC AND ITS  
STRONG DESIRE TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE JUDICIAL COOPERA-  
TION ARRANGEMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF GOC PAPERS  
SOONEST AND PROVIDE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF JULY CONSULTA-  
TIONS, TOGETHER WITH PROSPECTS FOR CONCLUDING AN ARRANGE-  
MENT WITH GOC AT EARLY DATE.

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